PORGOT HIS BILL

he Wary Beret Detective Had Not Forgotten Him. and in the Evening World. to other afternoon, at the Grand Cen-depot, I naw a keen-looking man hing the various arrivals of passen-for a western train, and after a he seemed to find the object of his

while he seemed to find the object of his search.

It was a swell young man who had come up by the elevated. He were a silk hat, carried a gold-headed cane, and there was considerable jewelry in sight. He looked at the clock and took a seat, and the keen-looking man walked over and sat down beside him and handed him paper. I was near enough to hear him say as he did so.

"Beg pardon, Mr. Ford, but you were so hurried that you forgot to go to the office and settle your b.i.."

The swell young man flushed up and stammered and stuttered, and finally managed to reply:

"My bill! Be Jove! It had entirely slipped my mind. How much is it?"

"Eighteen dollars."

"Sh! Eighteen—queer slip of memory. I should have thought of it and sent it to you, of course, you would; but as I had other business up this way I thought I'd save you further trouble. Shall I receipt it, Mr. Ford, or will you go back to the hotel and arrange with the cashier to send it."

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"How was it?" I asked the hotel detective, as I followed him outdoors.

"He's a slick deadbeat."

"Were you on to him at the hotel?"

"You bet! He talks about a slip of memory, but he aneaked out during lunch by the ladies' entrance. He gave out to the elevator boy that he was going up to Central Park. He took a hack at Union sqare and rode to the foot of Chambers street. Then he walked up to Third avenue and took the elevated up here and in half an hour would have been off.

"How do you know where he went?"

'N. ver you mind! I'm paid for watching such chaps."

'Suppose he hadn't come down?"

"Then he'd have gone back with me in a hack."

"Do you have many such cases?"

"Euough to keep me busy," he answered, as he moved away to board a Fourth avenue car going down town.

I looked into the waiting room to see what had become of the swellyoung man. He sat there yet, but was all humped up in a heap and evidently talking with himself in plain English while he waited for his train.

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